

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(228) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATION - N99.4.47 & N99.5.135; On May 19, 1999, U S West Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 99-AC03, a (N99.5.135) to replace the filing previously made under N99.4.47, which USW requests be withdrawn. N99.5.135 deletes tariff revisions to the maintenance of Service Rates, Section 12 of the Montana Access Tariff. Proposed tariff revisions, previously noticed, to grandfather Multiple Point of Tandem Sectorization (MPTS), Sections 6 and 106 of the Montana Access Tariff are ready for Commission action. Grandfathering MPTS affects only two Montana customers who USWC states have no problem with the grandfathering. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff transmittal. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(229) In the matter of T-99.11. PCN; On March 22, 1999 Garbage, Inc., Havre, Montana filed an application for a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing the following:

Class D - Garbage and refuse between all points and places in Hill County, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. LIMITATIONS: Transportation within the city limits of Havre, Montana is prohibited.

No protests were received.

Commissioner Feland moved to grant the application. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(230) In the matter of T-99.12.ST; On April 25, 1999 Griffin Phoenix, Inc. dba Eagle Services, Lewistown, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 3819 to Bayside Disposal, Inc. dba Disposal Service of Montana, Lewistown, Montana. The application was noticed to the public on May 4, 1999 and no protests were received.

Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes and any other abandoned waste between all points and places in the following counties: Fergus, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Musselshell and Petroleum. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes and any other abandoned waste within the town of Fort Benton, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage, within the City of Great Falls, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes, and any other abandoned waste, between all points and places in the following counties: Chouteau, Meagher, Teton, Pondera, Glacier, Toole, Liberty, Hill, and Daniels, and between all points and places in the following counties: Garfield (except within the community of Jordan), Sheridan (except within the town of Plentywood, Montana, and to and from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty-five (25) miles in any direction from said town), Cascade (except within the corporate limits of the City of Great Falls and suburban area within a radius of ten mile thereof). Limitations: Transportation of garbage, refuse, rubbish and waste from litter cans located upon the public highways is prohibited in the following counties: Garfield, Treasure, Rosebud, Powder River, Fallon, Custer, Prairie, and Wibaux. Limitations: Transportation within Fort Benton, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius is prohibited, carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and nonputrescible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes, and any other abandoned waste, between all points and places in Roosevelt County Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(231) In the matter of TN1986; Kevin W. McCann dba Valley Coach/Commuter, Missoula, Montana requests cancellation of PSC NO. 9282, effective immediately.

Class B - Passengers and their baggage in commuter service, between all points and places within Ravalli and Missoula Counties. Limitations: 1. Transportation of passengers in charter, limousine, or taxicab service is prohibited. 2. Service to Missoula County Airport, Missoula Bus Depot, & Trapper Creek Job Corp. is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 9282. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, June 2, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(232) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NRG Industries Electricity Supplier License Application - Docket No. N99.5.131; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant a limited license to NRG. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby, Scott Fabel

(233) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of House Bill 128 - Property Tax Valuation; Commissioner Rowe moved to send the letter regarding the Property Tax Valuation. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Anderson, Rowe and Feland voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(234) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. "generic" protective order, renewal and amendment; Commissioner Rowe moved to extend the generic protective order for one year to USWC, except that it will not extend to information on Customer Service Quality without a showing that said information be proven to warrant protection. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(235) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Operator Service Provider Rules and Rates – L-99.4.4 RUL; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve and issue a Notice of Comments. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wendy Fuller

(236) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC - Tariff Modifications - Docket No. N99.4.484; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff revisions on an individual, case-by-case base pricing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(237) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC - Integrated T-1 - Docket No. N99.5.118; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the introduction of Integrated T-1 service. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(238) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC - Centrex Plus Filing - Docket No. N99.4.88; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff modifications. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jay Driscoll

(239) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Clark Fork Telephone, Mid Rivers and Blackfoot IntraLATA Equal Access - Docket Nos. D98.10.223, D98.10.227 and D99.1.6; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a Final Order with waivers of ARM 38.5.4105 (Local Exchange Carrier Demonstration) and 38.5.4115 (Cost Recovery). Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Bonnie Lorang

(240) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Universal Access Program; Commissioner McCaffree moved to waive ARM 38.5.3006 (Application Deadlines and Notification of Discounts (May 15)). Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(241) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone - Petition for exemption/arbitration requests in Docket Nos. D99.4.112 and D99.4.113; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Stipulation Staying Arbitration (D99.4.112) between Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (BTC) and Ronan Telephone Company and Montana Wireless, Inc. and Ronan (D99.4.113). Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Laura Calkin

(242) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for Leroy Beeby and Martin Jacobson to attend the NARUC 41st Annual Regulatory Studies Program in Lansing, Michigan, August 1-13, 1999. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 7, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent due to moving but left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Rowe was in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(243) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICAITONS DOCKET NO. N99.5.137; On May 21, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-32 for approval of its proposed "Summer '99 Additional Line Promotion" which is to run from June 28th through August 7th, 1999. During the promotional period residential customers will receive a \$15.00 credit for each additional line purchased up to two per customer location. This will also be available to customers ordering new service. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing conditioned on available facilities. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(244) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS- Docket N99.5.133; On May 19, 1999, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-30 an Exchange and Network Price List to reduce the price for Business Simple Value Calling Plan intraLATA toll, Section 6. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(245) In the matter of ENERGY WEST MONTANA - Docket No. D99.4.106; The Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) has requested Commission approval for late intervention in Docket D99.4.106, Application for Summary Closure by Energy West Montana. May 27, 1999, was the closing date for intervention, the request for late intervention by MCC was received on June 2, 1999. Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the request for Late Intervention by MCC. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 8, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Wendy Fuller, Bonnie Lorang

(246) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of ROC (Regional Oversight Committee) Joint Proposal to US West Communications Inc., suggesting region-wide testing of OSS; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve and send the letter of participation. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Jay Driscoll

(247) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of CenturyTel of Montanas IntraLATA Equal Access Plan - Docket No. D99.4.108; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the script with modifications as follows:

- a) Amend script to provide list of interexchange carriers;
- b) Amend script to include customer choice options.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(248) In the matter of Commission's discussion of Northern Tele Co-Op – IntraLATA Equal Access Plan - Docket No. D98.10.229; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the plan with waivers granted on ARM 38.5.4105 and 38.5.4115 and delaying the effective date until June 16, 1999. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(249) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Hot Springs and Ronan Telephone Company - IntraLATA Equal Access Plans - Docket Nos. D98.10.224 and D98.10.232; Commissioner Anderson moved to partially approve the plan with Option 2 and waiving ARM 38.5.102. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck

(250) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the investigation of the sale and transfer of PacifiCorp Distribution System and Public Utility Obligations to Flathead Electric Cooperative, Inc. - Docket No. D98.10.218; Commissioner Feland moved to approve Final Order No. 6103d, Approving Recommended Allocation of Net Gain. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, June 8, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Will Rosquist

(251) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Bonneville Power Administration Subscription -Signature to letter from North Western PSC's to Congressional delegation and Department of Energy; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the signing of the BPA letter by the Montana PSC. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 14, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent and left his votes with the Commission Secretary.
Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not vote on the following items.

There was no Utility Division Action Items this week.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(252) In the matter of TN1987; Thomas P. McGree, Butte, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 2530 to Tucker Transportation, Inc., Butte, Montana for a one year period, June 14, 1999 to June 14, 2000.

Class D - Garbage, scrap, salvage and refuse in the City of Butte, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of ten (10) miles from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the lease for a period of one year. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 14, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent and left his votes with the Commission Secretary.
Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE
Will Rosquist

(253) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Red Rock Power's Application for Electric Supplier License - Docket No. N99.5.138; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the limited supplier license to Red Rock Power. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(254) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Covad Communications and U S West Communications, Inc. - Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement - Docket No. D99.3.68; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the final order approving the interconnection agreement. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney

(255) In the matter of the Commission's Adoption of the Slamming Rules - Docket L-99.1.1-RUL; Commissioner Feland moved to issue the final order approving the interconnection agreement. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 21, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Chicago, Illinois, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(256) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N99.6.140; On June 1, 1999, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-34 to correct pages filed in "Business Custom Choice", Tariff Transmittal 99-28, Docket N99.5.117. This Transmittal corrects release numbers on the tariff pages and provides the correct feature package price of \$12.89. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(256) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICAITONS - Docket N99.6.142; On June 2, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-35 for approval of its proposed "Measured Service Promotion" which is to run from approval of the tariff until October 1, 1999. USWC proposes to waive the non-recurring change charge to allow customers, who wish to do so, the opportunity to try a measured option to see if it meets their needs. The tariff allows them to switch back to flat-rated service with no charge if they are not satisfied with a measured option. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Tariff Transmittal 99-35. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(257) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket: N99.6.139; On May 28, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-33 "Business Custom Choice Promotion". During promotional the period of June 28 through August 20, 1999, new and existing business customers will receive a \$20 mail in coupon, per account, when subscribing to a Business CustomChoice package, an additional flat rated access line, or a Centrex 21 Rate Stabilized Analog Station Line, a \$150 mail in coupon, per account, when subscribing to an ISDN single line service with a minimum one year contract, a \$20 mail in coupon, per account and additionally, a \$20 credit for trade-in of an existing answering machine when subscribing to Business Voice Messaging, a \$10 credit on their bill when subscribing to Business CustomChoice with Simple Value Calling Plan, and a waiver of the nonrecurring charges for conversion of a flat rated access line to a Centrex 21 Rate Stabilize Analog Station Line. Commissioner Feland moved to approve Tariff Transmittal 99-33. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(258) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket: N99.6.144; On June 7, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-37 "CustomChoice" limited time promotional offering. During the promotional period from June 28 through August 7, 1999 residence customers subscribing to CustomChoice, will receive a coupon redeemable for a \$20.00 check. Additionally, customers who subscribe to CustomChoice electronically through the US West website will receive a \$5.00 bill credit.

Except for the web offering, this is an identical promotion to N99.1.9 that was offered from February 15 through March 26, 1999. Commissioner Feland moved to approve Tariff Transmittal 99-37. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Anderson, Feland and Commissioner Rowe voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(259) In the matter of TN1988; John And Carma Sinerius dba Just An Experience, Virginia City, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9217 for a six month period, May 15, 1999 to November 1, 1999.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places within Madison County.
Limitations: 1) Transportation shall originate and terminate in Virginia City, Nevada City, Ennis, or West Fork of the Madison, Montana. 2) Transportation is limited to four wheel drive vehicles. 3) Transportation is limited to seasonal operations only commencing May 15th and continuing though November 30th of each year.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to suspend PSC No 9217 for a period of six months. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(260) In the matter of TN1989;Vance L. and Jackie L. Johnson dba V & J Taxi Service, Sidney, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9217 for a six month period, June 21, 1999 to December 21, 1999.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Richland County.
Limitation: Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to suspend PSC No. 9217 for a period of six months. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 22, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Chicago, Illinois, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney

(261) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Information Label for gas/electricity suppliers; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the information label. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Jay Driscoll

(262) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T IntraLATA Equal Access Plan - D99.4.107; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the plan in its entirety with AT&T being required to comply with the rule regarding pick freeze as in the dialing parity rules. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby

(263) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Hot Springs Telephone - Detariffed Services -Docket No. N99.5.116; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant a one year waiver of the requirements for an incremental cost study and approve on an interim basis, the class services proposed by Hot Springs Telephone as tariffed services under Section 69.3.810 ARM. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Nancy McCaffree, Vicki Nelson, Martin Jacobson

(264) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Yellowstone River Ranch Complaint from Gary Edwards and proposed completion date; Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to write and send a letter to US West Communications, Inc. stating the construction date of 2000 is unacceptable and that construction should be completed by this season (1999). Motion also included directing staff to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner McCaffree who voted him aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 22, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent and did not leave votes on these issues.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(265) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Interconnection Agreements by Topp Comm, NeTel and Compass Tele/USWC - Docket Nos. D99.3.77, D99.3.78 and D99.3.80; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the final orders for these three companies. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(266) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Western Wire – Eligible Telecommunication Status - Docket No. D98.8.190; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Notice of Commission Action as drafted. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(267) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff security; Commissioner McCaffree moved to adopt the interim plan as office policy. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson

Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 28, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(268) In the matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N99.6.147; On June 2, 1999, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-36b to adjust the feature rates for Montana Choice, Residential Custom Choice, Value Choice, and Business Custom Choice services to keep tariffed rates aligned with the advertised and billed rates for the packages. These adjustments are due to the tariff compliance filing of Docket D96.12.220-Restructuring of Regulated Prices Phase 2 and Docket D96.8.131-Depreciation Adjustment. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(269) In the matter of STORMTEL, INC., PROGRESSIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP., CCC MERGER CORP. - Docket N99.6.150; On June 14, 1999, CCC Merger Corporation (CCC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Progressive Telecommunications Corporation, and STORMTEL, Inc. jointly notified the Commission of CCC's intent to acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding stock of STORMTEL, an authorized Montana intrastate toll telecommunications service. Commissioner Rowe moved to the Transfer of Stock. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(270) In the matter of BLACKFOOT TELE CO-OP & MT WIRELESS, INC. /RONAN TELE D99.4.112/113; Montana Consumer Counsel filed for late intervention. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant late intervention to MCC. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(271) In the matter of approval of Commission Calendar; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Commission Calendar for the month of August 1999. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, June 29, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney

(272) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Cenex Pipeline Rate Filing - Docket No. D99.5.120; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the rate filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist

(273) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy Northwest, Inc. - USBP - Docket No. D99.5.130; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Notice and Opportunity for Hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(274) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Filing and schedule for proceeding; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the schedule and directed staff to issue the Procedural Order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(275) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of joint comments to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) on proposed standard for service; Commissioner Anderson moved to authorize the signature of the letter with minimal editing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(276) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Wattage Monitor; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the letter that was mailing June 28, 1999. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wendy Fuller

(277) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone and Hot Springs Tele v US West Communications, Inc. - Complaint - Docket No. D99.3.52; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the regulatory status of Ronan as a reseller with the qualification that Ronan not be price regulated. (If the regulatory policy should ever change, Ronan and Hot Springs will be treated consistent with the policy changes); Rowe further qualified his motion by moving to grant the Dismissal of the Complaint and close the docket. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(278) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Small Companies v USWC - Access Charges - Docket No. D99.2.26; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant USWC's Motion to Dismiss. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Feland and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

(279) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Western Wireless - Eligible Telecommunication Carrier - Docket No. D98.8.190; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the request for a Protective Order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Feland and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE
Leroy Beeby

(280) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Southern Telephone - Request for Waiver and Interim Tariff Approval - Docket No. N99.5.127; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the request for Waiver of ARM 38.5.2735(1)(f) for a period of one year. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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